

an injection molded flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of a vehicle window, and wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded together during injection molding step; and

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values which are selected so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another during the injection molding step without a separate adhesive layer therebetween.

2. (*Unamended*) The applique of claim 1, wherein the lip or leg is for engaging a surface or edge of a vehicle windshield.

3. (*Unamended*) The applique of claim 1, wherein the substrate has a greater hardness or durometer than the thermoplastic elastomer portion of the applique.

4. (*Unamended*) The applique of claim 1, wherein said substrate includes a base portion and a protrusion extending from the base portion at an angle of approximately 90 degrees.

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5. (*Amended*) The applique of claim 4, wherein the thermoplastic elastomer portion includes an approximately U-shaped connection portion for attachment to an end or edge of the substrate, the approximately U-shaped connection portion comprising first

and second elongated approximately parallel legs each of which engages a respective major surface of the substrate in order to allow said attachment of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate, wherein an edge of the substrate fits into a channel defined between said first and second elongated approximately parallel legs of the approximately U-shaped connection portion.

6. (*Amended*) Applique for use at a pillar area of a vehicle, the applique comprising:

a polymer inclusive substrate;

a polymer inclusive flexible thermoplastic elastomer portion including at least one flexible lip or leg for engaging a surface or edge of a vehicle window, wherein said substrate and said thermoplastic elastomer portion are bonded together;

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion and said substrate are of different materials having different hardness values which are selected so that the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate are molded or bonded to one another without a separate adhesive layer therebetween; and

wherein said thermoplastic elastomer portion comprises an approximately U-shaped connection portion comprising first and second elongated approximately parallel legs each of which engages a respective major surface of the polymer inclusive substrate in order to allow said attachment of the thermoplastic elastomer portion and the substrate, wherein an edge of said substrate fits into a channel defined between the first and second elongated approximately parallel legs of the thermoplastic elastomer portion.

Please add the following new claims:

9. (New) The applique of claim 1, further comprising:

an approximately U-shaped seal carrier supported by a projection extending from a base portion of said substrate, wherein the projection extending from the base portion of said substrate fits into a channel defined between opposing legs of the approximately U-shaped seal carrier; and

a seal to be provided between the approximately U-shaped seal carrier and a door of the vehicle.

10. (New) The applique of claim 6, further comprising:

an approximately U-shaped seal carrier supported by a projection extending from a base portion of said substrate, wherein the projection extending from the base portion of said substrate fits into a channel defined between opposing legs of the approximately U-shaped seal carrier; and

a seal to be provided between the approximately U-shaped seal carrier and a door of the vehicle.